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SUBJECT: CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS: SOVIET PROPOSAL
OF MAY 6

REF: (A) HELSINKI 1389, (B) HELSINKI 1399

1. YOU SHOULD CONVEY TO MENDELEVICH FORMAL US
REJECTION OF SOVIET PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD AT MAY 6 PLENARY
SESSION FOR A BILATERAL AGREEMENT TO "BAN ARMS TRANSFERS
EXCESSIVE TO THE NORMAL SELF-DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS OF STATES
BORDERING ONE ANOTHER." (REF A)

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2. IN REJECTING PROPOSAL, YOU MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING
POINTS:

-- THE PROPOSAL IS ONE-SIDED AND NOT CAST IN THE SPIRIT
OF OUR CONSULTATIONS TO DATE ON THIS SUBJECT. WE SEE THESE
CONSULTATIONS AS FOCUSING ON REGIONAL SITUATIONS WHERE
ARMS TRANSFERS ARE THREATENING INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND

STABILITY.

-- THE ARMS WE TRANSFER TO COUNTRIES BORDERING THE SOVIET UNION ARE NOT DIRECTED AT THE SOVIET UNION.

-- WE ARE GLAD THAT THIS PROPOSAL WAS OFFERED SEPARATELY FROM THE REGULAR CONSULTATIONS IN HELSINKI, BECAUSE IT IS TRULY NOT IN THE SPIRIT OF THOSE CONSULTATIONS. WE ARE THEREFORE DEALING WITH IT OUTSIDE OF THAT CONTEXT AND DELIVERING OUR RESPONSE THROUGH SEPARATE CHANNELS.

3. FYI: AS INDICATED REF B, US REP TOLD MENDELEVICH INFORMALLY THAT FORMAL REJECTION OF SOVIET PROPOSAL -- FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY US REJECTION AT MAY 6 SESSION -- WOULD BE CONVEYED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. END FYI. VANCE

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